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In re Patent Application of:  
Kenichi NISHIDA et al.

Serial No.: 09/802,499

Filing Date: March 9, 2001

For: ELECTRIC KEYBOARD ASSEMBLY  
AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING  
WEIGHTMEMBERS PROVIDED IN  
KEYBOARD ASSEMBLY

Examiner: D. S. Warren

Group Art Unit: 2837

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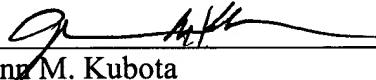
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Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

## 2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES

## Fee Description

Each claim over 20 or, for Reissues, each claim over 20 and more than in the original patent

Fee (\$)	Small Entity
50	25

Each independent claim over 3 or, for Reissues, each independent claim more than in the original patent

200	100
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Multiple dependent claims

360	180
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## Total Claims

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)	Multiple Dependent Claims
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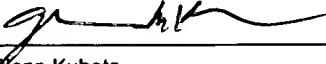
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